

CHRISTMAS ON THE AIR

Dr. J. C. Bradshaw's organ recital from the Civic Theatre will give 3YA listeners the opportunity of hearing some Christmas music on the even-ing of December 23. On Christmas Eve

HILE it looks as though Christmas will be for most of us rather an austerity affair with eggless cakes and nutless, chocolateless, and almost lollyless stockings, we may fortunately still look forward to a fair ration of Christmas fare on the air. Already we have had talks from the A.C.E. and from Aunt Daisy on how to make the best of the food aspect of Christmas preparations, and we may expect some further hints from Dorothy Dolton (3YA, Monday, December 21, 11 a.m.), in her talk "A Happy Christmas for the Children." There will be. as usual, special programmes of carols until midnight on Christmas Eve, and on Christmas night the programmes from most National stations will include Christmas music or plays. We give here some of the main items arranged at the time of going to press:

Yugoslav Carol Singers

Auckland listeners will begin their Christmas fare on Christmas Eve at 9.25 p.m., when 1YA's programme of "Music by British Bands" will include a Christmas Medley and Christmas songs. On Christmas Day, carols will be sung by the Yugoslav Young People's Choir, conducted by Professor Moor-Karoly. In the evening, the State Opera Orchestra will play Corelli's "Christmas Concerto," and the Fleet Street Choir will sing old favourites among the carols. Included in the same concert programme will be "The Shepherds' Christmas Music" from Bach's "Christmas Oratorio," and two Cradle Songs by Brahms and Reger, sung by Elene Gerhardt. Coleridge-Taylor's "Christmas Overture," played by the BBC Symphony Orchestra, will be heard in the evening concert on Christmas Day.

Major Lampen will usher in that Christmas feeling at 2YA with his morning talk "Just Christmasses" on Christmas Eve, and at 8.29 p.m., there will be a specially arranged Christmas Eve sing-song from the studio, which for the purposes of the programme will become "The Old Pig and Whistle". Corelli's "Christmas Concerto" may be heard at 9.38 p.m. and Midnight Mass will be relayed from St. Gerard's Redemptorist Church, Wellington. On Christmas Day those listeners who want to sit quietly digesting their dinner may enjoy a post-prandial play — Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" at 2 p.m. At 8.30 p.m. there will be a special studio presentation of Christmas Carols, and to round off the day, the BBC Christmas programme will be relayed at 1 a.m.

With The Boys Overseas

CHRISTMAS DAY this year will give special opportunity for listening to the boys overseas. Readers are advised to listen-in for station announcements, but at the time of going to press, the intention is that from 9 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. on Christmas morning the National stations will broadcast Christmas greetings from troops overseas, and in the evening from 6.30 to 7 p.m. there will be a special Christmas Forces programme. Greetings from General Freyberg and from representatives of all the Forces in the Middle East will be included. A nurse speak, representing the women's forces, an American soldier, a sailor, a New Zealand soldier, a Maori, and an airman. At the opening of this programme, listeners will hear the bells of Rethlehem.

a midnight devotional service will be broadcast. On Christmas Day the carol service from Christchurch Cathedral will be relayed at 7.30 p.m. Listeners to 3ZR Greymouth may hear a special Christmes service relayed from the studio at 5.30 p.m.

Station 4YA will broadcast & programme of symphonic music on Christmas Eve. Greetings from the Boys Overseas will follow. On Christmas Day there will be a special Christmas play, Unimportant People, at 2.25 p.m., and the Shepherds' Music from Bach's "Christmas Oratorio" is included in the evening concert. This will be followed by a reading by Professor Adams entitled "Christmas". At Inver-cargill, listeners to 4YZ may hear Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" with Ronald Colman as Scrooge, and later in the day two more plays, The English Love Music, at 3.0 p.m. and at 8.0 p.m. Goodbye Mr. Chips. The day will end with Christmas memories over the air





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